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1. WORKING LEVEL FRG ECONMIN OFFICIAL WHO ATTENDED JUNE 27 MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG CAME AWAY VERY DISCOURAGED. WHILE LIP SERVICE IS STILL PAID TO A MID-JULY RESOLUTION OF NEGOTIATIONS, HE SEES LITTLE HOPE. HIS REVIEW OF DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWS.
 2. MEETING CENTERED ON COMMISSION PAPER (REFTEL). REGARDING SAFEGUARDS, THE COUNCIL ENDORSED THE CONCEPT OF SELECTIVITY AND IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES, WITH-
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OUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION OR CONSULTATIONS.

3. COUNTERVAILING DUTIES - THE COUNCIL DID NOT DECIDE ON THE ISSUE OF ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS, BUT IT WAS GENERALLY FELT THAT THE CONCEPT WAS UNDESIRABLE. ON CUSTOMS VALUATION, THE FRG OBJECTED TO THE US POSITION OF COMPUTED VALUES (COST OF PRODUCTION).

ACCORDING TO SOURCE, OTHER PARTICIPANTS DIDN'T CARE OR WEREN'T INFORMED, AND THE COMPUTED VALUE CONCEPT WAS ACCEPTED, BUT ITS APPLICATION SHOULD BE RESTRICTED AND SUBJECT TO REVIEW.

4. ON TARIFFS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE CONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL LIST WILL BE USED AGAINST JAPAN. THE AGRICULTURAL PORTION OF THE COMMISSION'S PAPER WAS HARDLY DISCUSSED.

5. HAFERKAMP WAS TOLD TO KEEP UP HIS STIFF POSITION AGAINST THE US. SOURCE COMMENTED THAT IT WAS PROBABLY THE WORST DAY OF HAFERKAMP'S LIFE. EVERYONE AT SOURCE'S LEVEL AT LEAST IS DOUBTFUL ABOUT A JULY CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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